

RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR, 1937.**PLEASE HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.**

The British Red Cross Society is proposing to hold an International Red Cross Bazaar, in London, on July 8th and 9th, on the occasion of the Grand Council Meeting and Annual Distribution of Certificates of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Harold Fawcus, K.C.B., G.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.L., M.B., Director-General, British Red Cross Society, is taking a very earnest interest in the success of the Bazaar, and we hope our readers will do all in their power to make it a success.

The fine educational scheme of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation needs all the financial support it can get. The nurses have done wonders in the past few years. This Bazaar will enable the public to give a helping hand for the benefit of nursing in many lands.

The funds of the British Red Cross Society have benefited to the amount of £1,484 6s. 5d. from the Red Cross ball held at Grosvenor House on November 25th, 1936.

DEMAND FOR TRAINED ALMONERS.

It is not often that work can be assured at once after training, but at the annual dinner of the Hospital Almoners' Association held on February 6th, it was announced by Miss Marx, Chief Almoner at Brompton Hospital, who presided, that though 58 certificates had been granted during the past two years the demand for trained almoners was still greater than the supply. There were posts, particularly in municipal hospitals, which had been created within the past two years. Properly trained almoners would have no difficulty at present in securing appointments.

Miss Gertrude Herzfeld, hon. surgeon at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, submitted the toast of "The Association," and Miss Luttmann, assistant almoner at St. Thomas's Hospital, in reply, said that students could now come forward with the hope of obtaining posts as soon as their period of training was completed.

The course of training is, however, a comprehensive one and somewhat costly, and needs very special qualities of tact in dealing with patients. The Association has a membership of almost 500 women, who hold the certificate of the Institute of Hospital Almoners, of which Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard is president.

"1066 AND ALL THAT."

It is now nine years since King Edward's Hospital Fund for London initiated the Federated Superannuation Scheme for Nurses and Hospital Officers. The scheme has helped to raise the standard of service in all institutions by which it has been adopted.

Nurses and hospital officers are now able, before joining the service, to assure themselves of a pension on retirement. Full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Federated Superannuation Scheme for Nurses and Hospital Officers, 21, Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

The latest returns compiled by the Council of the Federated Scheme show that the number of participating institutions has now reached the interesting figure of 1,066. This includes hospitals, nursing associations and other kindred institutions in Great Britain, the Irish Free State, Aden, Algiers, Barbados, Bermuda, Ceylon, Palestine, Siam and Switzerland.

Hospitals in London which have adopted the scheme represent 89 per cent. of the total number of beds, while for England the percentage is now 79 per cent., and for the whole of Great Britain 76 per cent.

LECTURES ON TROPICAL DISEASES.**Instruction in Tropical Nursing.**

The Spring Course of Lectures and Demonstrations with Lantern Slides, Diagrams and Specimens, reopens Monday, March 1st, at 5.30 p.m.

The length of Course is three months and the fee two guineas, payable in advance. Application should be made to the Matron, Hospital for Tropical Diseases, 25, Gordon Square, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C.1.

We are of opinion that instruction given in Tropical Nursing should, if possible, form part of every British nurse's education.

COST OF LONDON MUNICIPAL HOSPITALS.

Financial aspects of the maintenance of London County Council hospitals for the sick during the year ended March 31st, 1936, are dealt with in a report now published (P. S. King & Son, Ltd., price 1s.). Seventy-five of these hospitals are controlled by the L.C.C., and the annual maintenance expenditure on them now exceeds £5,000,000.

The report shows that the daily number of beds available in the London municipal hospitals during the year under review was 39,256. The average inclusive cost of treatment of a patient in an acute general hospital was £3 17s. 7d. a week. A total of £444,000 was contributed during the year by patients or their relatives towards the cost of treatment. Laundry statistics reveal that 55,029,721 articles were washed in the hospital laundries at an average cost of four-fifths of 1d. each.

THE PASSING BELL.**MISS CAULFEILD.**

Miss Annie Ellen Caulfeild, who died in London on January 16th, in her 93rd year, as recorded in *The Times*, was a pioneer in the nursing profession.

Daughter of the Hon. James Caulfeild, of the Ceylon Civil Service (of Charlemont lineage), she was brought up by her uncle, the Bishop of Nassau. In 1862 her home was broken up by an outbreak of yellow fever, to which her uncle and three of her sisters fell victims. She then came to England and, in spite of strong protests from her family, decided to take up nursing. After training at King's College Hospital, she worked at Netley, under Mrs. Deeble. In 1877 she was appointed Lady Superintendent of Nurses at the Herbert Military Hospital, Woolwich. In 1881 at only a few days' notice Miss Caulfeild was sent with her staff to South Africa, where she worked during the Boer War in the base hospital at Fort Amiel, Newcastle. This was the first time a staff of trained women nurses under the War Office had been ordered to the front.

In 1882, when British troops were sent out to suppress the rebellion in Egypt, she and her staff were quartered in the Khedive's Palace, Ismailia, which had to serve as an emergency hospital, and where the conditions were incredibly bad. She returned home later with the wounded, her ship being the only one from which "no complaints" were received on arrival. Miss Caulfeild received the Egyptian Medal and the bronze star of the Khedive, and was decorated with the Royal Red Cross by Queen Victoria at Windsor.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mrs. May Scratton, late of Bournemouth, left £2,000 to Nurse Sara Eutrius Black.

Mr. Edward Tomkins, of Bexley Heath, left £1,000 to Nurse Edith Cover.

Lieut.-Col. Henry Skinner Forsyth of East Grinstead, left £200 to Nurse Beazley of the Duchess Nursing Home, Portman Square, W.

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